GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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REVIEW OF SARVA SHIKSHA ABHIYAN
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government conducts any review of works done in States under the Sarva Siksha Abhiyan;

(b) if so, the name of the agency which has conducted the said review alongwith the outcome thereof;

(c) whether the funds released under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan are being misused by the State Officials on facilities for themselves;

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto alongwith the details of amount of funds misused by officials on facilities for themselves;

(e) the percentage of the amount of funds misused by the officials on facilities for themselves out of the allocation to each State/Union Territory, State-wise and Union Territory -wise; and

(f) the provisions made by the Government to check the extravagance under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a) to (f): A rigorous system of monitoring of the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan(SSA) has been put in place which includes, inter alia, monthly and quarterly progress reports and review meetings, furnishing of computerized annual elementary school statistics, field level monitoring by 41 independent monitoring institutions and six monthly independent reviews by experts and external funding agencies, on the progress of the programme. In addition, statutory & independent annual financial audits and concurrent financial reviews are conducted under SSA. Cases of financial irregularities or misuse of funds have sometimes come to light through financial reviews and audits, which are immediately taken up with States for redressal. So far Rs.32.38 crore have been recovered/recouped from State Governments, in compliance of such objections.